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Chief executive from Northern Telecom to be honoured by Concordia

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MONTREAL, May 20, 1980 -- W.F. Light, president and chief executive officer of Northern Telecom Limited, Montreal, will receive an honorary degree from Concordia at its June convocation.

Light will be awarded an honorary doctorate at the Faculty of Engineering convocation, 8:30 p.m., June 10, in the Athletic Complex, Loyola campus, 7200 Sherbrooke Street West.

Born in Cobalt, Ontario, where he received his early education, Light joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. After serving overseas, he attended Queen's University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949.

Light began his telecommunications career with Bell Canada's engineering department and held senior management positions in Toronto and Montreal: as vice-president, engineering; vice-president, operations; and executive vice-president until his appointment in August 1974 as president of Northern Telecom Limited. On October 1, 1979, Light was appointed president and chief executive officer of Northern Telecom.

Among the professional associations of which Light is a member are: the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Order of Engineers of Quebec, the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Ontario, the Electrical Manufacturers Club and the C.D. Howe Research Institute.

In addition to serving as director of seven companies affiliated with Northern Telecom and of Genstar Limited, Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company Limited and The Royal Bank of Canada, Light is a director of Canadian Executive Service Overseas and of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra; a governor of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and of the Associates of Carleton University; and a member of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University.

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L'Université Concordia rend hommage au directeur général de la Northern Telecom

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MONTRÉAL, le 20 mai 1980 -- M. W.F. Light, président-directeur général de la Northern Telecom Limitée, à Montréal, recevra un doctorat honoris causa lors de la collation des grades de la Faculté de génie de l'Université Concordia, qui aura lieu le 10 juin à 20 h 30, au pavillon des sports du campus Loyola, 7200, rue Sherbrooke ouest.

M. Light est né à Cobalt, en Ontario, où il a fait ses premières études. En 1942, il gagne les Forces Armées du Canada. Après avoir fait son service outre-mer, il s'inscrit à la Queen's University d'où il obtient un baccalauréat en sciences, en 1949.

Sa carrière en télécommunications débute au service d'ingénierie de la Bell Canada; il occupe divers postes de direction au sein de cette compagnie, à Toronto et à Montréal: vice-président, Ingénierie; vice-président, Exploitation; vice-président exécutif et enfin, président de la Northern Telecom Limitée, en août 1974. Le 1er octobre 1979, il est nommé président-directeur général de la Northern Telecom.

M. Light est membre de nombreuses associations professionnelles dont l'Engineering Institute of Canada, l'Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, l'Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Ontario, l'Electrical Manufacturer's Club et le C.D. Howe Research Institute.

En plus de siéger au conseil d'administration de sept firmes affiliées à la Northern Telecom et à celui de la Genstar Limited, de la Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company Limited et de la Banque Royale du Canada, M. Light est membre du conseil d'administration de Canadian Executive Service Overseas et de l'Orchestre symphonique de Montréal, du Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal et des Associates of Carleton University. De plus, il est membre du Board of Trustees de la Queen's University.

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